



COUNTYWIDE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATION COMMITTEE

County of Los Angeles



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Dear Supervisors:

**ALLOCATION OF PROPOSITION 69 FUNDS TO THE
INFORMATION SYSTEMS ADVISORY BODY FOR ONGOING MAINTENANCE OF
THE DNA OFFENDER TRACKING SYSTEM
(ALL DISTRICTS AFFECTED) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The Countywide Criminal Justice Coordination Committee (CCJCC) recommends that your Board amend the County's existing Proposition 69 fund allocation policy by continuing the annual allocation of \$250,000 to the Information Systems Advisory Body (ISAB) for the maintenance of the DNA Offender Tracking System.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve CCJCC's recommendation that an annual allocation of Proposition 69 funds in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 continue to be provided to ISAB for the maintenance of the DNA Offender Tracking System (DOTS) as long as the system is in operation.
2. Instruct the Auditor-Controller to implement a system of disbursing funds according to this recommendation.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Proposition 69 – the DNA Fingerprint, Unsolved Crime and Innocence Protection Act – significantly expanded the legal provisions for the collection and analysis of criminal offender DNA samples.

Proposition 69 allocates \$1.00 of every \$10.00 of penalty assessments paid on traffic and criminal fines to fund the collection and processing of DNA samples. Under the initiative, the County retains 75% of the funds collected and remits the remaining 25% to

the state. The County's portion is maintained in a Local DNA Identification Fund established by the Auditor-Controller.

Pursuant to the law, these funds can be used to pay for costs associated with the collection and processing of DNA samples and evidence as established by the Board of Supervisors. CCJCC and its Proposition 69 Implementation Task Force develop recommendations for the use of Proposition 69 funds for submission to the Board of Supervisors.

On November 20, 2007, the Board authorized the following use of Proposition 69 funds, as recommended by CCJCC:

1. Reimbursement to local law enforcement agencies and the Probation Department for DNA sample collection at a rate of \$30 per sample;
2. Reimbursement to ISAB for Internal Services Department (ISD) maintenance costs for DOTS in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 per year through the end of Fiscal Year 2008-09;
3. Reimbursement with the remaining Proposition 69 funds to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and Los Angeles Police Department crime laboratories in an equally divided amount for expenses associated with the analysis of DNA evidence.

CCJCC recommends that this current use of Proposition 69 funds remain in effect with the following modification: CCJCC recommends that the annual allocation of up to \$250,000 to ISAB to support DOTS maintenance costs be continued for as long as the system is in operation.

DOTS is a system developed by ISAB to track DNA sample collections and to notify law enforcement agencies whether or not an individual in their custody qualifies for DNA sample collection. DOTS Phase II provides automated screening of the County jail population on a daily basis to determine which inmates require DNA sampling. Phase III will provide the integration of the DOTS screening process with the LiveScan process. With LiveScan integration, law enforcement officers will be notified upon booking and fingerprinting of an arrestee whether that individual qualifies for DNA sample collection.

ISAB has managed the development of the DOTS system and oversees its maintenance. Maintenance costs are ongoing, and ISAB requires this funding in order to keep the system operational. Proposition 69 funding for ISAB only covers pass-through maintenance costs charged by ISD for the support and maintenance of DOTS. ISAB does not charge any overhead costs.

Funds are available in the County's Local DNA Identification Fund account for this action. This action would allow the continued tracking of DNA sample collection throughout Los Angeles County and would have minimal impact on the funds available for crime lab use.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action supports Strategic Plan Goal 5 by promoting the public safety and security of Los Angeles County residents. This action also supports Strategic Plan Goal 1 by maximizing the effectiveness and efficiency of County processes.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The recommended actions result in no net County costs. The annual funding allocation of \$250,000 to ISAB is fully offset by Proposition 69 funds.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

This recommended action will have a positive impact on the criminal justice system by ensuring the ongoing operation of DOTS. DOTS notifies law enforcement when an arrestee's DNA sample should be taken, tracks sample collections for reimbursement purposes, and provides for the automated screening of the jail population for DNA sample collection status.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval, please return one approved copy to Mark Delgado, Executive Director, Countywide Criminal Justice Coordination Committee.

Respectfully submitted,



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